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MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on October 9, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): It is respectfully submitted that an accurate marked-up version of the amended claims has not been provided, and it is not clear as to what changes have been made thereto; for example, insertions have been made to claim 22 but have not been indicated as such by being underlined. The marked-up version of all of the claims should be carefully checked for accuracy. It is noted that if the clean version of the claims is accurate, applicant is only required to submit a supplemental amendment containing an accurate copy of the "Attachment for Claim Amendments" to correct this matter. It is further noted that this supplemental amendment may be submitted via fax using the number for formal papers provided below. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's

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typical work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers for this group are: formal papers - (703)305-3590; informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.



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